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Free Small Business Fair in Anaheim on April 20, 2011

State Board of Equalization Vice Chair Michelle Steel, Anaheim Mayor Tom Tait, and the City of Anaheim, today announced a free Small Business Fair on Wednesday, April 20, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Anaheim Convention Center.

Event: Free Small Business Fair in Anaheim

Where: Anaheim Convention Center
Second Floor Meeting Rooms 202-204
800 West Katella Avenue
Anaheim, California 92802
(Free parking from West Katella Avenue)

When: Wednesday, April 20, 2011
9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. (*Check-in at 8:30 a.m.*)

Register: Online at www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/sbf.htm or by phone at 888-847-9652

This free small business fair is geared to assist new business owners, entrepreneurs considering starting a business, small business owners, professionals currently operating a business who have questions about state or federal tax laws, and individuals who want to develop their business knowledge. Topics to be presented include basic sales and use tax issues, improving business through better records, forms of ownership, small business administration loans and services, developing business plans, small business resources and updates for 2011, state income tax issues relating to small businesses, and building a sales practice. Representatives from the Board of Equalization, Franchise Tax Board, Employment Development Department, Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Small Business Administration, Orange County SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives), and the Coastline Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship will be available at the fair to assist attendees.

Editor's note: please listen to the 15-second and 30-second audio public service announcements (PSA):
15-second audio PSA: www.boe.ca.gov/news/Anaheim_PSA_15Sec.mp3
30-second audio PSA www.boe.ca.gov/news/Anaheim_PSA_30Sec.mp3

For information regarding all in-person seminars offered by BOE, visit:
www.boe.ca.gov/info/VirtualSeminars/seminars_inperson.htm. The BOE also offers easy to use,

convenient, 24-hour accessible online seminars on a variety of tax and fee topics at:
www.boe.ca.gov/info/VirtualSeminars/seminars_online.htm.

Elected to the Board of Equalization in 2006 and re-elected in 2010, Michelle Steel serves as *Southern California's elected taxpayer advocate*. In December 2007, Steel discovered the Board of Equalization had delayed the return of millions of dollars in security deposits owed to California businesses. Procedures were changed due to Steel's decisive leadership. Following her investigation, the tax agency refunded tax security deposits to over 5,500 small businesses.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$48 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

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